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1. There is such a shortage of hands for work on state farms (PGRs) in Lower Silesia that this year's harvest hardly amounts to 20 percent of the normal yield. Individual farmers, on the other hand, although they, too, had poor harvests this year owing to the inclement weather, fared far better in comparison with the PGRs.
2. These farmers are postponing for as long as possible the delivery of the quotas demanded from them. The Citizens' Militia (MO), in order to force the farmers to hand in their consignments, are arresting their children from 14 years of age upwards, under various pretexts. The parents are given to understand that the children will be released on receipt of quotas due.
3. The voluntary (sic) recruitment of youths for work in the mines is not meeting with the hoped-for results. The majority of recruits are persons who have been arrested for various misdemeanors and who have been promised that their crimes would be forgotten if they agreed to "voluntary" work in the mines or on the land. Despite the good wages offered, 500 zl. to 1,200 zl. monthly, depending on the type of work, accommodations, and protective clothing, the number of volunteers is very small.

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